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Heath et al. ) Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine  
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Serial No.: 09/241,636 ) Art Unit: 1634  
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Filed: February 2, 1999 ) Docket No.: Q008 1050.1  
)  
Title: PROCESSES FOR ISOLATING, AMPLIFYING ) Confirmation No.: 8977  
AND CHARACTERIZING DNA )

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Applicants also request that the Examiner review the below-listed patent applications. Applicants do not waive the confidential nature, if any, of the below-listed patent applications.

- U.S. Patent Application No. 09/241,637 filed February 2, 1999;
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/075,593 filed February 15, 2002; and
- U.S. Patent Application No. 10/937,746 filed May 4, 2005.

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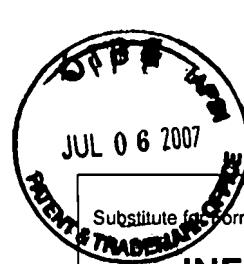
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	B	US-5,234,824	08-10-1993	Mullis	
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	D	US-5,342,931	08-1994	Woodard et al.	
	E	US-5,496,562	03-05-1996	Burgoyne	
	F	US-5,652,141	07-29-1997	Henco et al.	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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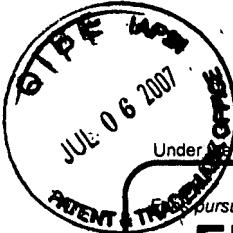
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)

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<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>	
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

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